



## GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL MAY 16, 2005 MINUTES

Mayor Charles Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

The audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance in unison, after which Pastor Eddie Egbert of the Suburban Baptist Church led in prayer.

At this point, the audience observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Mayor Norm Blankenship of Franklin, whose funeral is tomorrow.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Council members Bruce Armstrong, Ron Bates, Bill Bless, Ron Deer, John Gibson, Keith Hardin, Jessie Reed; Mayor Henderson; Clerk-Treasurer Jeannine Myers; and City Attorney Shawna Koons-Davis.
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Mr. Bates moved to approve the minutes of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a second by Mr. Hardin. Mr. Hardin brought up the point that House Bill 1120 gives the opportunity to add an additional 1% to the food and beverage tax, for a total of 2% and wanted to clarify this. Vote: Ayes.

Dr. Michael Kolenda of the Trafalgar Family Health Center was invited to discuss his facility, started by Johnson Memorial Hospital in 1996. They are now a stand-alone company. They serve a five-county area, including Johnson, Bartholomew, Shelby, Brown and Morgan counties. Dr. Kolenda stressed that their goal is to see that there is zero disparity between people trying to get basic primary health care and 100% access. They are looking for people to help them hopefully set up an office here.

Moving on to discuss a special census, Mayor Henderson told the Council that the Planning Director estimates 2,300 single-family residence permits since the last census and 1,089 multi-family which he projects is about a 7,000 population increase. Based on \$61.78 collection per person, this is about \$430,000, stated the Mayor, that we would realize per year if we did a special census. Toni Pitchford of the Census Bureau was invited to speak at this point. Based on Indiana law, she said, if the census is completed this year, in April we would see the money from the special census. The Census Bureau would count not only the population but the housing units as well. That money comes back to us until the next decennial census, said Ms. Pitchford. She then discussed the advantages of doing a partial census in the areas that are growing and stressed the benefits affecting the schools and the roads. Based on the 2000 population (36,037) and the estimation for 2003 (39,545), the increase is 8.87%. When the City submits an estimate, the Census Bureau sends a Memorandum of Understanding and we must decide whether to proceed. The City would send a set of maps. Census Bureau people would come in to discuss space and hiring. They do not do the hiring for us but prefer to keep within the City and utilize its citizens. There was discussion regarding doing a partial versus a full census. Planning Director Ferguson reported that the City paid \$111,231 for the last special census to the Bureau. The salary ordinance was amended and additional funds were appropriated, also, for the last census to pay the coordinator. Duke also donated office space. The Bureau will do the testing and interviews for the workers, said Ms. Pitchford. The City will do the advertising. Mr. Ferguson estimates an increase of over \$300,000 a year in a worst-case scenario and his estimate was too high. Mr. Ferguson's staff will study the data to see which type of census to request.

The City Attorney had distributed her litigation report. There were no questions from the Council.

Mr. Bates reported that the Plan Commission approved the site plan for Emerson Pointe, Block B at their meeting last Monday night and approved a waiver dealing with parking requirements for First Baptist Church. There will be a workshop next Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 at the Community Center. Dr. James Segedy, Director of Community Based Projects and Professor in the Department of Urban Planning at Ball State University will be the speaker and lead a "hands-on" community vision/planning exercise. All Council members are invited.

Mr. Gibson reported on the Solid Waste Management meeting. The heavy trash day at Johnson County Fairgrounds was a success.

**ORDINANCE No. 05-07** – An Ordinance Providing For an Additional Appropriation From the Aviation Operating Fund to the Board of Aviation Commissioners For Annual Ditch Tax and Annual Dues (\$1,000). Ms. Reed moved to pass Ordinance No. 05-07 through second reading. Second by Mr. Hardin. Mayor Henderson opened the public hearing for comments for or against the ordinance. As no one spoke, the public hearing was closed. Vote: Ayes. **PASSED SECOND READING.**

**RESOLUTION No. 05-07** – A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds For the Purpose of Providing Funds to be Applied to Pay for the Construction of Road Improvements and a New Fire Station on the City's Eastside, and Incidental Expenses in Connection Therewith and on Account of the Issuance of Bonds. Stephen Watson, attorney for the Redevelopment Commission, discussed pursuing the widening of Graham Road between Main Street and County Line Road and the financing of a fire station on Graham Road. The cost of the fire station is projected to be roughly \$1.873 million and the cost of widening Graham Road roughly \$6 million. There will be Federal monies. The City's portion is projected to be approximately \$2 million, added Mr. Watson, and they are looking to finance approximately \$4 million, with \$72,000 of that being "soft" costs. By coordinating the two projects approximately \$42,000 should be saved. Mr. Watson stated that at this point, it is planned that the funds will only be paid out of the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) fund. They are not pledging the taxing authority of the Redevelopment Commission or the Council, he added. The Redevelopment Commission must receive the approval of the Council. Fire Chief Steve Dhondt explained that the new fire facility was designed as a one-story fire station that would blend in with the community. The rendering shows that it is designed so that another bay can be added on at the south end of the building if needed. There is an unfinished basement underneath the living quarters, primarily for storage and training. In checking with other communities, Chief Dhondt said he found that the proposed facility was the most conservative being built in our general vicinity but he is confident the facility will serve the east side for a number of years. He clarified that the facilities studied were all satellite stations without headquarters offices, etc. In response to Mr. Bates, Chief Dhondt indicated that the architect projects the unfinished basement adds about \$100,000 to the cost. Probably after this year's budget process, he added, he plans to bring a proposal to the Council to fund the replacement of the aerial and the purchase of an engine for this east side fire station. Preliminary projections for the two total \$1.25 million. The last payment on the bonds issued in 2000 for the two fire trucks, noted Chief Dhondt, is January 1, 2006. They would ask the Council to continue to fund the fire trucks with another bond issue at no higher rate. When Station 94 opens, said Chief Dhondt, it will run a rescue engine with paramedics. **INTRODUCED.**

Under miscellaneous business, Mr. Hardin reported that a citizen called to express concern about the intersection of Yorktown & Pilgrim. He was the victim of an accident that took out his mailbox. They would like to explore the possibility of making that a three-way stop. Mr. Hardin related that we had recently requested increased patrols in the area and requested that a study be done. Mr. Hardin also brought up an item concerning a property owner on Howard Road and Main Street, just north of the park. The property near the walking path at the back of his property bordering the park is retaining water of up to two to three feet in depth for over a week at a time. During the summer there is a tremendous number of mosquitoes. Mr. Hardin will refer him to the Director of Operations, Norm Gabehart.

Ms. Reed requested an update on her earlier request for sidewalks on Howard Road. Mayor Henderson mentioned that staff is doing preliminary work on that. Mr. Gabehart commented that they have researched the right-of-ways in the area and they believe they have sufficient right-of-way to proceed. They are considering the most feasible and economical way to place a drainage ditch on the south side.

Mr. Bless asked if anyone had contacted the owners of the drive by Pasquale's. Mayor Henderson apologized for forgetting this and will follow up.

Mr. Gibson asked for an update on picking up posters and signs on utility poles. Mayor Henderson mentioned that the part-time person in Code Enforcement is picking those up.

Mr. Gibson also mentioned that he has had a complaint that people outside of the County are using the skateboard park. Supposedly at night, there is speeding in the area. The Parks Director has been by to observe, said Mr. Gibson. For the past two weeks, he added, the park has been chained earlier to keep some of the traffic out. When he asked about the possibility of speed bumps, the Mayor did not think it

would be possible on a public street but back in the park it might be done. The City Attorney will check on the ordinance for closing time.

Mr. Armstrong reported a question from a constituent regarding the turn lane by the new Starbucks at Main Street and Emerson Avenue. Mayor Henderson stated that the City has the verbal agreements on the right-of-way issue; now it is a matter of completing the legal documents. The main utility pole we need is on order. The constituent also asked if police could be in the area rather frequently to remind people that the right lane will be for right turns only.

Another resident e-mailed Mr. Armstrong to see if the police could watch closer at the Blind Pig to see that the bartender does not keep serving people who are inebriated. Chief Pitcher indicated they would ask the excise police to check the situation. Mr. Armstrong also had requests he described as outside of the Council's jurisdiction. A request to pass a resolution in support of religious freedom for Chinese people and an exercise that the government has declared illegal was first. Letters from both Fort Wayne and Evansville called on the Council to urge the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to clamp down on underage drinking.

Along that same line Mr. Bates received the same letters and said he thought they wanted the Council to go on record and let the legislature know that we would like to try to keep a tighter control on underage drinking. Other communities are asking for moral support. Ms. Reed brought up the issue of a smoking ban in Greenwood. Ms. Koons-Davis suggested that individuals who feel strongly about these issues contact their legislators. Mr. Hardin suggested that members who feel action should be taken on an issue should bring it to the Council and make a motion to place it before the Council for discussion.

Mr. Bates wondered then about the notice of approval the Mayor sent on an ordinance for a temporary loan to the Parks Department. The ordinance was amended to come out of the CCI – Cigarette Tax Fund instead of the Rainy Day Fund. Counsel suggested that the Mayor send out an amended notice.

Mr. Deer mentioned that two water cuts were done on Broadway almost two years ago. He thought the ordinance says that the utility shall restore it but he has yet to see one that didn't sink. The two cuts on Broadway have sunk, he said, and wondered if it was the City's responsibility. Mayor Henderson said that IACT has been trying to get more control over utilities. The City always sends notices to utilities when a road is going to be resurfaced to give them an opportunity to do any work they need to do but utilities will do their work after the resurfacing. The Director of Operations will look into the sinking road cut problems on Broadway.

Ms. Myers mentioned that ribbons are available for those who wish to put them on their car antennas to commemorate Law Enforcement Week.

Mr. Ferguson reminded the Council that he had distributed a hand-out on the worksheets regarding zoning issues – lot sizes, house sizes, etc.

Mayor Henderson had distributed a handout from Jim Rogers, President and CEO of Cinergy Corporation announcing their merger with Duke Energy. This is informational only.

The Mayor next passed out a worksheet on sanitary sewer information containing input from the Director of Engineering as well as the Sanitation Superintendent. This gave the number of sanitary sewer customers inside and outside the City limits and sanitary sewer lift stations inside and outside the City limits, along with total miles of sanitary sewer. Following that was data on sanitary sewer infrastructure projects that have been completed over the last several years, projects currently under construction, projects in the planning stages both inside and outside the City limits, and the number of homes that as anticipated can or could be served by the major sanitary sewer interceptor projects. Another handout showed the charge per month for each water meter, per the ordinance. The Mayor then gave a brief history of Greenwood's contracting with Indianapolis to treat our wastewater and also the Sewer Availability Fee (SAF) ordinance. The Mayor described the two uses of the SAF as paying Indianapolis for usage and building new interceptors. Northern Park's rehabilitation is estimated at \$4 million, he said. This led to the Mayor's discussing the Honey Creek Interceptor and the possibility of taking 2/3 of the lift stations off line. Hooking onto Indianapolis' line has had to be on hold, said the Mayor, because they have a backup themselves in the area where we are to hook on. He showed the west/ southwest region on a map that we would serve if the interceptor came through. Another possibility being explored is a new lift station in the area of CR 600 and State Road 135. During the discussion Mayor Henderson

stressed that the City has been able to keep rates low. At the end of the discussion, Mr. Ferguson described activity along Graham Road, in response to Mr. Deer.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.